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HISTORY-PAINTING may be of two Sorts; that which copies real Events, and that which feigns both Character, and Fable: One rivals the Poet, the other the Hiſtorian; the laſt is founded intirely on Imagination, the firſt on Memory and Judgment: Both require the ſame great Talents, to deſign, and execute, and 'tis hard to determine which deſerves the greateſt Applauſe.

Let the *Painter* chuſe which of theſe Walks he pleaſes to the Temple of Fame, he will find it extremely difficult and perplexing to reach his Journey's End: 'Tis much eaſier to be a Critick than an Artiſt; and thoſe only who have experienced the Labour of Science, know how to value it as it ought: He that invents has only his own Knowledge to aſſiſt him; he muſt have both Invention to create the Subject, and Judgment to correct it when done; whereas the Critick finds the Materials ready prepar'd, has the very Principles laid down for him by which he is to judge, and is directed by the Subject itſelf into a Detection of its Faults, or an Admiration of its Beauties.

The only material Difference between theſe two Methods of forming Hiſtory Pieces is this: In copying of Facts the Painter takes up the Incidents as already deſcrib'd, and only invents Groupes, Attitudes, and Expreſſions; whereas he, that paints from Imagination, has all that Difficulty, and as much more in making even thoſe very Incidents too.

Neither of them are free from their peculiar Hazards: For he that takes his Images from living Hiſtory, makes every Reader of that Hiſtory, as much a Maſter of his Subject, as himſelf; and, whereas, every ſuch Reader has form'd to himſelf certain particular Ideas, both of the Characters, and Circumſtances, that compoſe it, he will be ſure to make his own Opinion the Standard of his Cenſure, and condemn, or abſolve juſt as the Painter's Judgment correſponded with his. This is an Inconvenience that the Poetical Artiſt is intirely free from, for he preſents the Critick with an intire new Scene, employ'd with new Characters, and fill'd with new Objects, which he had no Prepoſſeſſion of before, and which therefore muſt ſtand, or fall ſimply by their own Merit, apart of any Prejudice whatever: But then, on the other Hand, 'tis his Misfortune not to be ſo eaſily underſtood, and, in ſuch Caſes, the Spectator is often inquiring a Narrative of the Fable, inſtead of entering into the Merits of the Performance: To which we may add; that, unleſs Nature ſome Way or other gives the Hint for the Subject, the Imagination runs wild, and the fineſt Pencil produces nothing but beautiful Monſters, and pleaſing Confuſion.

Theſe laſt Sort of Hiſtory-Painters are indeed but rarely found; but very few having ventur'd to create the Subject and undertake the Execution too: And moſt even of theſe have confined themſelves to allegorical, and ſhadowy Beings; ſuch as Gods and Goddeſſes, Angels, Furies, Paſſions, *&c.* which wander ſo wide from Nature themſelves, that there is hardly any ſuch Thing as finding out a Standard to judge them by; unleſs we make the Beauty of an Out-Line, or the *Deceptio* of the Pencil, an Atonement for the Defects of Action, or the Abſence of Veriſimilitude.

Unleſs, therefore, the Painter has Genius, and Knowledge enough to form a compleat Tale, on the moſt delicate Principles of Nature, to ſupport it with juſt and maſterly Characters, to give thoſe Characters a proper Share of the Buſineſs, and ſpirit the Whole with noble Attitudes, and bold Expreſſion; unleſs, I ſay he is perfect in all theſe Secrets of picturesque Narration, I would adviſe him not to truſt his Imagination too far, but content himſelf with an Imitation of known Facts, or a Tranſcript of the celebrated Imaginations of others.

I would not be underſtood here to aſſert, that theſe Painters from the Imagination, are more peculiarly remarkable for Errors than thoſe in the other Walk: No, as many Perſons have miſcarried in copying, as in inventing: And the Miſtakes of theſe laſt are leſs to be forgiven, becauſe it argues a Defect in Judgment, as well as a Barrenneſs of Imagination too. I could make numberleſs Quotations of Stories that have ſham'd the Pencil; Facts ſo trival, and Characters ſo contemptible that they were not worth even the Attention of the Spectator, much leſs the Labour of the Performer: But there is no Need of it; I am perſuaded there is hardly one of my Readers that cannot do it as well; and therefore I ſhall excuſe myſelf the Trouble.

This will ſuffice to ſhew that Artiſts, in both Walks are very apt to deceive themſelves as well in Judgment, as Imagination, and, of Courſe, throw away both their Time and Skill: If then they were to converſe more intimately with the greateſt of the Hiſtorians, and be more perfect in the Writings of the laſt Party, they would find both Facts, and Fables ſo exquiſitely told, with ſuch delicate Strokes of Nature, and ſuch Refinements of Art, as call upon the Pencil only to lend Action, and Colours, and give the Action that univerſal Language, which is peculiar to Painting, and which is expreſs'd thro' all Life, and underſtood by all Nations. Time, ſpent in this Purſuit, would be far from thrown away; we ſhould ſee the Effect of it ſtrong in their Compoſitions; their Invention would grow more rich and fruitful, their Judgment more ſound and conſiſtent, and their Taſte more poliſh'd and diſcerning.

From what has been ſaid, it will plainly appear, that the judicious Choice of a Subject is the firſt Thing to be weigh'd; then, what Part of that Subject is fitteſt for Repreſentation: After this, the Point of Time is to be fix'd invariably, and every Part of the Action muſt be calculated to tally with the Whole: The Characters, eſſential to the Action are next to be ſelected, and group'd according to their different Importance; then thoſe which ſerve either for Ornament or Illuſtration, Manners and Paſſions, muſt then take Place; Contraſte of Action and Colours are ſubordinate to them, and natural and elegant Decoration muſt finiſh the Whole.

This is a Miniature of the whole *Science* of Hiſtory-Painting As to what belongs to the *Art*, ſuch as the Perfection of Drawing, and the Knack of Colouring, I know none but the Performers themſelves underſtand them perfectly, and therefore I ſhall leave all Inſtructions on that Head, to be given by one another.

I can't forbear, however, to give theſe Gentlemen one Caution in this Place; and that is, not to indulge too contemptible an Opinion of the Judgment of thoſe who are not Practitioners themſelves: For many a Man may underſtand perfectly, what he cannot execute; and, if not, the Praiſe they receive from the World is of no Value; ſince it muſt be the Reſult of Ignorance, or the Effect of Chance; a Kind of Praiſe which every wiſe Man would be aſham'd to receive, becauſe Wiſdom had no Share in the beſtowing it.

To his late Majeſty, concerning the true Form of Engliſh *Poetry.*

GREAT King, the Sov'reign Ruler of this Land,
By whoſe grave Care our Hopes ſecurely ſtand:
Since you deſcending from that ſpacious Reach,
Vouchſafe to be our Maſter, and to teach
Your *Engliſh* Poets to direct their Lines,
To mix their Colours, and expreſs their Signs:
Forgive my Boldneſs, that I here preſent
The Life of Muſes yielding true Content
In ponder'd Numbers, which with Eaſe I try'd,
When your judicious Rules have been my Guide.
He makes ſweet Muſick, who in ſerious Lines,
Light, dancing Tunes, and heavy Proſe declines:
When Verſes like a milky Torrent flow,
They equal Temper in the Poet ſhow.
He paints true Forms, who with a modeſt Heart,
Gives Luſtre to his Work, yet covers Art.
Uneven Swelling is no Way to Fame,
But ſolid joining of the perfect Frame:
So that no curious Finger there can find
The former Chinks, or Nails that faſtly bind.
Yet moſt would have the Knots of Stitches ſeen,
And Holes where Men may thruſt their Hands between.
On halting Feet the ragged Poem goes,
With Accents neither fitting Verſe nor Proſe!
The Stile mine Ear with more Contentment fills
In Lawyers Pleadings, or Phyſicians Bills.
For tho' in Terms of Art their Skill they cloſe,
And Joy in darkſome Words as well as thoſe:
They yet have perfect Senſe more pure and clear
Than envious Muſes, which ſad Garlands wear
Of duſky Clouds, their ſtrange Conceits to hide
From human Eyes: And (leſt they ſhould be ſpy'd
By ſome ſharp *Oedipus*) the *Engliſh* Tongue
For this their poor Ambition ſuffers Wrong.
In ev'ry Language now in *Europe* ſpoke
By Nations which the *Roman* Empire broke,
The Reliſh of the Muſe conſiſts in Rhime,
One Verſe muſt meet another like a Chime.
Our *Saxon* Shortneſs hath peculiar Grace
In Choice of Words, fit for the ending Place,
Which leave Impreſſion in the Mind as well
As cloſing Sounds of ſome delightful Bell:
Theſe muſt not be with Diſproportion lame,
Nor ſhould an Echo ſtill repeat the ſame.
In many Changes theſe may be expreſt:
But thoſe that join moſt ſimply run the beſt:
Their Form ſurpaſſing far the fetter'd Staves,
Vain Care, and needleſs Repetition ſaves.
Theſe outward Aſhes keep thoſe inward Fires,
Whoſe Heat the *Greek* and *Roman* Works inſpires:
Pure Phraſe, fit Epithets, a ſober Care
Of Metaphors, Deſcriptions clear, yet rare,
Similitudes contracted, ſmooth and round,
Not vext by Learning, but with Nature crown'd.
Strong Figures drawn from deep Invention's Springs,
Conſiſting leſs in Words, and more in Things:
A Language not affecting antient Times,
Nor *Latin* Shreds, by which the Pedant climbs:
A noble Subject which the Mind may lift
To eaſy Uſe of that peculiar Gift,
Which Poets in their Raptures hold moſt dear,
When Actions by the lively Sound appear.
Give me ſuch Helps, I never will deſpair,
But that our Heads which ſuck the freezing Air,
As well as hotter Brains, may Verſe adorn,
And be their Wonder, as we were their Scorn.

SATURDAY, *April* 13.

THE *Canal* in St. *James*'s-*Park* is to be drain'd and clean'd this Summer, the Sides to be new plank'd, and the Earth that has been waſh'd away made good. The Mall and Gravel-Walks are likewiſe to be repair'd in a beautiful Manner.

Marriages. Laſt Monday *William Stephenſon*, of *Hoſley-Port* near *Windſor*, Eſq; aged near 80 Years, was married at *Windſor* Church to Miſs *Nelſon*, a young Lady of about 17.——On Thurſday laſt Mr. *Elliot*, Son of an eminent *Hamburgh* Merchant, was married to Miſs *Brigings*, a young Gentlewoman of 10,000 l. Fortune.

Death. Yeſterday died at *Barnet*, *William Hall*, Eſq; formerly an eminent Merchant of this City.

MONDAY, *April* 15.

On Friday laſt Sir *Joſeph Pennington*, Bart. reſign'd his Place of Comptroller of the Caſh of Exciſe.

The Duke of *Buckinghamſhire* and the Earl of *Orrery* are going to make a Campaign in the Army commanded by the Duke of *Berwick* upon the *Rhine*. And

The Lord *Charles Hay*, Brother to the Marquiſs of *Tweedale*, and Mr. *Carey*, Brother to the Lord *Falkland*, are going to ſerve as Voluntiers in the *Imperial* Army, commanded by the Duke of *Wirtemberg*.

Yeſterday the Lady of Sir *Charles Mordaunt*, Bart. was ſafely delivered of a Son and Heir, at his Houſe in *Cleveland-Court*, St. *James*'s.

On Saturday laſt N° 49,107 was drawn a Prize of 500 l.

[Price THREE HALF-PENCE.]

N. B. *Advertiſements, of a reaſonable Length are put in this Paper at Two Shillings and Six-Pence each.*

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They write from St. *Edmund's-Bury* in *Suffolk*, that on Wedneſday the 3d of this Inſtant, one *John Norton* was executed there for poiſoning his Wife, and afterwards hung up in Chains upon *Rymerton-Heath*, near the Place where he committed the horrid Fact.

A Bill of Indictment being found at the *Tower* Seſſions againſt a Perſon for riding Horſes on *Tower Hill*, to the Damage and Danger of his Majeſty's Subjects paſſing and repaſſing that Way, he was, on Saturday, taken up by Virtue of a Bench Warrant for the ſame, and bound over to plead to the Indictment; and we hear, that the Juſtices are reſolv'd to put the Laws in Execution againſt all Perſons that ſhall continue in the ſame Practice, which has been the Occaſion of great Miſchief to Paſſengers, and to ſeveral the endangering their Lives.

On Thurſday laſt Mr. *Henry Wheatley*, of *Egham* near *Staines*, made a Preſent of 600 l. to the Pariſh of *Spittle-fields*, towards ſetting up a new Set of Bells in the ſaid Steeple.

Preferments. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to nominate the moſt Hon. the Marquiſs of *Lothian* to be his High Commiſſioner to the enſuing General Aſſembly of the Church of *Scotland* —— His Grace the Archbiſhop of *Canterbury* has appointed the Rev. *Thomas Rymer*, M. A. to be one of the ſix Preachers of the Cathedral Church of *Canterbury*, in the room of his Father Dr. *Rymer*, who has reſign'd.——The Rev. Mr. *Samuel Weſley*, M. A. who has been upwards of 19 Years Uſher of *Weſtminſter* School, is appointed head Maſter of *Tiverton* School.

Deaths. Laſt Saturday died at *Bethnal-Green*, *George Smith*, Eſq; one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Middleſex*.——The ſame Day died at *Hampton* in *Surrey*, Capt. *Whitfield*, an old experienc'd Officer in the Army.—— On Saturday died at *Dartford* in *Kent*, Capt. *Howard*, an old Commander belonging to the Navy.

Bankrupt. Samuel Floyd St. Leger, of the City of *Weſtminſter*, Mariner and Merchant.

TUESDAY, *April* 16.

Five hundred Seamen being newly brought hither from *Ireland*, the Squadron in the *Downs* is compleatly mann'd and ready to put to Sea upon 24 Hours Notice.

Yeſterday being the Anniverſary of the Birth of his Royal Highneſs the Duke, when he enter'd into the 14th Year of his Age, there was a great Appearance of the Nobility and Quality at St. *James's*, to pay their Compliments to their Majeſties on that Occaſion; and in the Evening her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs *Mary* gave a Ball in her Apartments to ſeveral young Perſons of the firſt Rank, at which were preſent their Majeſties, the Prince and Princeſs of *Orange*, and the reſt of the Princeſſes.

The ſame Day the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Aldermen, Sheriffs, and the Governors of the ſeveral Hoſpitals of this City, preceded by the Children belonging to the ſaid Hoſpitals, went with the uſual State to St. *Brides*, and heard a Sermon preach'd by the Right Rev. the Lord Biſhop of *Rocheſter*, and afterwards returned to a grand Entertainment provided at *Haberdaſhers-Hall* by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor.

It is ſaid, that the three Regiments that were ordered hither from *Ireland*, will be countermanded.

Yeſterday N° 13,367 was drawn a Prize of 2000 l. and 46,344 a Prize of 500 l.

The ſame Day upwards of fifty Convicts were carried from *Newgate* to *Black-Friyars*, and convey'd from thence in a cloſe Lighter down the River, and put on board a ſhip, in Order to be tranſported to his Majeſty's Plantations in *America*.

We hear that the Earl of *Waldegrave*, his Majeſty's Ambaſſador Extraordinary at the Court of *France*, having demanded to know the Reaſon of ſuch a Number of Troops aſſembling in the Neighbourhood of *Dunkirk* and *Calais*, as likewiſe where the Tranſports and Fleet were deſigned which appear'd in thoſe Seas, his Excellency receiv'd the utmoſt Aſſurances that his moſt *Chriſtian* Majeſty deſign'd to give no Umbrage to *Great Britain*, his Fleet and Troops being deſigned for an Expedition in the *Baltick*.

They write from *Berlin*, that his *Pruſſian* Majeſty being equally preſs'd by the Emperor and the Czarina on one Side, to grant a Paſſage for the *Ruſſian* Artillery thro' his Territories, and by the Court of *France* on the other, to refuſe it, and there being ſome particular Circumſtances that make it improper to diſoblige either, his Majeſty has ſent the Baron *de Wallenrod*, his Miniſter of State, to conſer with General *Munich*, at the *Ruſſian* Camp, to attempt an Accommodation between that General and the Magiſtrates of *Dantzick*.

We learn from *Italy*, that *Don Carlos* has poſſeſs'd himſelf of *Naples*, with great Rejoicings on the Part of the Inhabitants, and no notable Oppoſition from the *Imperial* Troops. 'Tis added, that the *Imperialiſts* have abandon'd *Sicily*.

Our Letters from *Milan* of the 2d Inſtant, N. S. mention a Report being current there, that the *Imperialiſts* had paſs'd the *Po*, beaten the *French*, and taken ſeveral Pieces of Cannon and Mortars: But thoſe of the 3d aſſure us the ſaid Report is entirely groundleſs, for that all had been very quiet in the *Mantuan*.

Private Letters from *Dantzick* adviſe, that the *Ruſſians* have lately carried the Fort of *Hackelburg* and the Poſt of *Gottes-Engel*; that they viſit all Ships that attempt to come up to the Town, as likewiſe all thoſe that happen to anchor in the Road within Reach of their Cannon; and that they have ſeiz'd two *Swediſh* Ships who had 300 Men on board, with a large Quantity of Arms and Ammunition for King *Staniſlaus*.

WEDNESDAY, *April* 17.

Yeſterday his Majeſty went to the Houſe of Peers in the uſual State and Solemnity, and gave the Royal Aſſent to the following Bills, *viz.*

A Bill for granting an Aid to his Majeſty by a Land-Tax, for the Service of the Year 1734.

A Bill for aſcertaining the Duty on Arrack.

A Bill to enable his Majeſty to continue and ſettle an Annuity on the Princeſs of *Orange* during the Term of her natural Life in caſe ſhe ſurvive his Majeſty.

A Bill for the Application and Diſpoſal of the Monies raiſed by Way of Lottery of the *Charitable Corporation*, &c.

A Bill for the Revival of an Act made in the 13th of the late King, entitled, An Act for the free Importation of Cochineal; and alſo for the Importation of Indico.

A Bill for making the Church of *Bablack* in the City of *Coventry* a Pariſh Church, *&c.*

A Bill for the more effectual preventing the clandeſtine Importation of Foreign Hops into *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and to prevent the adulterating, *&c.* of Hops to alter the Colour or Scent thereof.

A Bill for the better puniſhing of Perſons, who ſhall aſſault any of his Majeſty's Subjects, with Intent to rob them.

Alſo to ſeveral other publick and private Bills; particularly to that for naturalizing the Prince of *Orange*.

The Lords of the Admiralty on Saturday Night diſpatched a great Number of Warrants to the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, and the Earl of *Leiceſter*, Conſtable of the *Tower*, which were iſſued out to the Conſtables for impreſſing Men to ſerve in the ſeveral Ships now fitting out for Sea-Service.

On Sunday Morning laſt arriv'd an Expreſs from Mr. *Walpole* at the *Hague*, upon which a Cabinet-Council was immediately call'd at St. *James's*; the firſt that has been held on a Sunday ſince his Majeſty's Acceſſion.

We now hear, that the Embarkation of his Highneſs the Prince of *Orange* with his Conſort for *Holland* is fix'd for Monday next; and they will go on board the *Fubbs* Yacht at *Greenwich*, intend to land at *Rotterdam*, thence proceed to *Amſterdam* without ſtopping at the *Hague*, and that his Highneſs's own Yachts are waiting at *Amſterdam* to carry them to *Frieſland*.

Yeſterday the following Prizes were drawn, *viz.* N° 116,416, 1000 l. 50,296 and 69,844, each 500 l.

The ſame Day the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, attended by the Aldermen, Sheriffs, and the Governors of the ſeveral Hoſpitals of this City, went to St. *Bride's* Church, and heard a Sermon preach'd by the Rev. Dr. *Maddox*, Dean of *Bath* and *Wells*, and Clerk of the Cloſet to the Queen; after which they returned to *Merchant-Taylors Hall*, where an elegant Entertainment was provided for them.

The Organ of St. *Luke* in *Old ſtreet* in the County of *Middleſex*, will be open'd on Sunday next by Mr. *Vincent*, Organiſt of the ſaid Church.

Preferment. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to grant unto Sir *Nicholas Williams*, Bart. the Offices of Chamberlain of the Town and Borough of *Brecon*, and the Counties of *Brecon*, *Radnor*, and *Glamorgan*; and alſo of Steward and Keeper of the Courts *Leet*, *View of Frank Pledge*, and other Courts whatſoever of the Lordſhip of *Nallain*, *Caio*, *Mabelvieve*, &c.

Marriage. Yeſterday *Richard Wyvill*, Eſq; was married at the New Church in the *Strand*, to Miſs *Mary Thornton*, a young Lady of a large Fortune.

Death. On Tueſday the 9th Inſtant died, at *Cheam* in *Surrey*, the Rev. *Thomas Morton*, D. D. Rector of *Martin* in the ſaid County.

THURSDAY, *April* 18.

We hear that all the Maſters of Collier-Ships who ſhall obtain Protections from the Board of Admiralty, will be oblig'd to procure two able Seamen to ſerve in his Majeſty's Navy, in the room of their Ships Companies, who are to be protected.

A Ship laden with Wheat, the Maſter of which was named *Thompſon*, bound to *Genoa*, was lately loſt on the Iſle of *Hieres*.

Yeſterday the Rev. Dr. *Roper* preach'd the Spital Sermon before the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, *&c.* They afterwards went to *Drapers-Hall*, where a grand Entertainment was provided by *Daniel Lambert*, Eſq; one of the Sheriffs.

Extract of a Letter from Oporto, March 11. O. S.

On the 3d Inſtant at Night a *Spaniſh* Brigantine or Snow, of about 130 Tons, bound from *Cadiz* to *Corunna*, with Cocoa, Snuff, Oil, *&c.* and ſeveral Paſſengers, was wreck'd about half a League to the Northward of *Viana*. Four or five Sailors ſaved their Lives, but all the others periſhed, (as a great Sea run) amounting to 29 Perſons, amongſt whom were the Duke *de Ripperda*'s Son and Family, Priſoners: He was ſeen, though ſetter'd, to ſtand on a Rock ſome Time, till a Sea waſh'd him off.

A General Officer near *Hanover-Square*, ſome Days ago, took a Premium of 100 Guineas, to pay three Guineas a Day till the City of *Dantzick* is taken by the *Ruſſians*.

We hear that her Majeſty being informed of the great Benefit the Inhabitants of the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter* receive from the Infirmaries eſtabliſhed there for the Relief of ſuch of their Poor as are ſick and lame, has been graciouſly pleaſed to ſend to each of the ſaid Infirmaries a Bounty of one hundred Pounds to promote ſo uſeful a Charity.

Yeſterday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes of 1000 l. each, *viz.* N° 50,892, 37,197, and 79,509.

Preferments. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to conſtitute and appoint the Right Hon. the Lord Viſcount *Torrington*, to be Receiver-General of the King's Revenues in *Ireland*, in the room of *Hugh* Lord Viſcount *Falmouth*, lately reſigned.——His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the Hon. *Arthur Onſlow*, Eſq; Speaker of the Houſe of Commons, to be Treaſurer of the Navy, in the room of the Lord Viſcount *Torrington*.—— His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint *Charles Fane*, Eſq; his Miniſter to the Great Duke of *Tuſcany*.

Marriage. On Tueſday laſt the Lord Viſcount *Faulkland* was married to the Lady *Villew*, Relict of the late Lord *Faulkland*.——Yeſterday the Hon. *Archibald Murray*, Eſq; a Gentleman of *Scotch* Extraction, was married to Mrs. *Katharine Martin*, of *Covent-Garden*, a young Gentlewoman of a large Fortune.

Deaths. On Tueſday the 9th Inſtant died at *Glanbran*, his Seat in *Carmarthenſhire*, *Sackville Gwynne*, Eſq; a Gentleman of a very antient Family in that County, which at ſeveral Periods of Time has allied itſelf to a great many of the nobleſt and moſt antient Families in *England*. He was paternally deſcended from *Brychun*, who liv'd between the Years 400 and 450, King of *Garth Marthen*, afterwards by the *Britons* call'd from him *Breckynog*, in *Engliſh*, *Brecknockſhire*, which was his Right by Inheritance. He was maternally deſcended from the *Wyndham's* of *Danravon* in *Glamorganſhire*. His Mother was one of the Daughters of *Humphry Wyndham*, Eſq; Serjeant at Law. He died a Batchelor, and has left his Eſtate to *Roderick Gwynne*, Eſq; his Nephew, and Brother to *Marmaduke Gwynne*, of *Garth* in the County of *Brecon*, Eſq; The Remembrance of this truly valuable Gentleman will ſubſiſt to the lateſt Times, preſerved by all good Men, and by thoſe Foundations of Charity which he has left behind him for the Benefit of future Ages. Nobody ever poſſeſſed that Philanthropy, or Love of Mankind, which does ſo much Credit to human Nature, in a greater Degree than himſelf; from hence it was, that whilſt he was ſecretly ſtudious of good Offices for the moſt Indigent, he was in his more publick Practice and Converſation, a ſtrenuous Aſſerter of Liberty. From this Principle grew that Zeal which he diſtinguiſhed in all Parts of his Life for our preſent civil and religious Government. He poſſeſſed all thoſe natural Qualities of Mind that make Men capable of being eminently ſerviceable, which with ſuitable Advantages of Education, and an intimate Knowledge of Men, rendered him inferior to none. An extraordinary Share of Wit, which in other Men is but too frequently productive of irregular Methods of Life only, ſerved to enrich his with a greater Degree of Beauty, Order, and Exactneſs. He ever deſpiſed that Kind of Wit which made Men more negligent of themſelves, and leſs capable of the ſeveral Duties of Society. His Converſation was paſſionately deſired by all who knew him, in which the Warmth of his Imagination ſo agreeably ſoftened the Strength of his Judgment; and this again governed the Fire of his Wit, with ſuch a happy Exactneſs, that after ſome Time ſpent in his Company, it was natural to look upon him as a Benefactor from whom one had received the ſtrongeſt Obligations. In the Hour of his Death, he was not any Way different in his Frame of Mind from what he us'd to be; ſo that the Cloſing of his Life could not be known by any Thing but by the encreaſing Decays of his Body, from the ordinary Continuation of it. At that Time he ſupported

himſelf with uncommon Dignity. His Behaviour was perfectly Chriſtian-like, great and worthy himſelf. Few ever died whoſe Characters were more univerſally worthy of Imitation.

FRIDAY, *April* 19.

Yeſterday at Noon was publiſh'd his Majeſty's Proclamation for diſſolving the late Parliament and calling a new one; the Writs bore Date Yeſterday, and are returnable that Day two Months, *viz.* the 13th of *June*.

The ſame Day a Declaration was made by the Deputy High Bailiff of *Weſtminſter*, attended by the proper Officers, that the Election of Members of Parliament for that City and Liberties would come on next Monday Morning.

On Tueſday next comes on at *Brentford*, the Election for the County of *Middleſex*.

And on Wedneſday the Election for the Town of *Northampton*.

We hear that on the Return of his Grace the Duke of *Dorſet* from *Ireland*, the Earl of *Scarborough* will be declar'd Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*; that his Grace the Duke of *Devonſhire* will be made Maſter of the Horſe, and the Duke of *Dorſet* return into the Poſt his Grace held before his going to *Ireland*, of Lord Steward of the Houſhold.

We hear likewiſe that the Earl of *Stair* is about to reſign the Command of the Regiment of Dragoons.

The Right Hon. the Lord Viſcount *Corabury*, Son to the Earl of *Clarendon*, and Dr. *Clarke*, Head of *All-Souls* College, will be rechoſen for the Univerſity of *Oxford*, without Oppoſition.

As will *Thomas Romney*, Eſq; for the City, together with Mr. Serjeant *Skinner*.

The Scrutiny, with Relation to the Chamberlain's Office, is carried on with great Aſſiduity at *Guildhall*; on Tueſday Afternoon the Candidates were equal, on Wedneſday Mr. *Boſworth* had a Majority of 7, and Yeſterday of 5.

Yeſterday N° 77,245 was drawn a Prize of 500l. and 51,502, 121,307, each 100l.

One of the 1000l. Prizes drawn on Wedneſday laſt fell to Mr. *Cozens*, a Grocer in St. *Paul's Church-Yard*.

The Right Hon. the Earl of *Middleſex* will be choſen Member of Parliament for *Eaſt Grinſtead* in *Suſſex*, without Oppoſition.

Capt. *Gumley*, who has a Troop in the King's own Royal Regiment of Dragoons, Brother to Mr. *William Pulteney*'s Lady, has obtained his Majeſty's Royal Licence of Leave to make a Campaign this Summer in the *Imperial* Army, commanded by Prince *Eugene* and the Duke of *Wirtemberg*.

Several other Officers of the *Engliſh* Army are about to make Application for the ſame Favour.

Yeſterday died Mr. *James Bond*, Under Water-Bailiff of this City, which Place coſts 900l. and falls to the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor.

Five Men of War are ready at the *Nore*, to convoy the Prince and Princeſs of *Orange* to *Holland*.

On Monday next the Seſſions begins at *Hicks's-Hall*, on Tueſday at *Guildhall*, and on Wedneſday at the *Old Bailey*.

Preferments. On Wedneſday laſt the Lord *Condres* of *Scotland*, was preſented in *Hyde-Park* to be Captain of the Hon. Col. *Byng*'s Company in the third Regiment of Foot-Guards, commanded by the Earl of *Dunmore*.——*James Campbell*, Eſq; is appointed Governor of *Milford Haven*, in the room of his Grace the Duke of *Bolton*.

Death. Laſt Monday Se'nnight died at *Norwich*, the Rev. Mr. *John-Pope Blount*, A. M. youngeſt Son of the late Sir *Thomas-Pope Blount*, of *Twickenham*, Bart.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Koning ſburg, April 9. N. S.

THE *Ruſſian* Artillery which had been brought as far as *Polangen*, three Leagues from *Memell*, is carried back to *Heilingen*, from which Place ſome People give out it will be remov'd to *Liebau*, in Order to be convey'd by Sea to *Dantzick*; but others think it will paſs by Land along the Frontiers of *Samogitia*. His *Pruſſian* Majeſty, it ſeems, would not conſent to its paſſing thro' his Territories in *Poliſh Pruſſia*.

Elbing, April 9. On the 3d Inſtant Col. *Boy*, with a Detachment of the *Ruſſian* Troops, took Poſſeſſion of this City. He found here 50 Iron Cannon and 3 Mortar-Pieces, with large Quantities of Powder and Ammunition, all which he has ſent to the Camp before *Dantzick*. That Officer is amaſſing all the Corn and Hay he can purchaſe for Service of the Army. Yeſterday a Party of about 600, ſhew'd themſelves in this Neighbourhood; but upon the Appearance of the Troops which Col. *Boy* detach'd to meet them, they thought proper to retire. The *Dantzickers* make frequent Sallies upon the *Ruſſians*, but we do not learn that they have gain'd any Advantages. The *Ruſſians* are advanc'd within Piſtol-Shot of the Fortifications of the City. Velt-Marſhal Count *de Munich* has ſummon'd the Fort of *Wechſelmunde* to ſurrender; but the Governor anſwer'd, that he would defend himſelf whilſt he had a Grain of Powder left.

Rome, April 2. We learn from *Naples*, that the *Imperialiſts* had form'd a Camp at *Mignano*, in the Neighbourhood of *Capoua*, and made Pretence of deſigning to ſtop the *Spaniards* in their Conqueſt of that Kingdom; but no ſooner did the latter appear than the *Imperialiſts* abandon'd their Camp, and fled to *Gaeta*. The Viceroy has quitted *Naples*, and embark'd for *Manfredonia*.

Vienna, April 7. The Departure of Prince *Eugene* for the *Rhine* is now ſaid to be fix'd for the 12th Inſtant: His Baggage went away ſome Days ago. Prince *Lubomirſki* is arriv'd here from *Poland*, and has been receiv'd by his *Imperial* Majeſty with great Marks of Honour; that Prince is going forthwith to join King *Auguſtus* at *Dreſden*. A Report is current, that the Nuptials of the Archdutcheſs *Mary* with the Duke of *Lorrain* will be conſummated before *Whitſuntide*. The Count *de Merci* is ſo much recover'd, that it is thought he will put himſelf again at the Head of the *Imperial* Army in *Italy*: That Army is to be brought together by the 10th Inſtant, and will then conſiſt of 55,000 Men.

Dreſden, April 7. The *Saxon* heavy Artillery has paſſed by *Sorau* by *Dantzick*, and King *Auguſtus* is to follow the 24th Inſtant.

The taking of *Cracaw* by the *Poles* is contradicted. The *Ruſſians* have now ſhut up *Dantzick* on all Sides, and ſtop all Ships that paſs the River; but a Report is current, that Count *Tarlo*, with 30000 *Poles*, had paſs'd the *Viſtula* to attack the *Ruſſians*.

Ratiſbon, April 12. The Empire's Declaration of War againſt *France*, *Sardinia*, &c. was publiſh'd here on Friday laſt, with the accuſtom'd Ceremonies.

Mayence, April 13. Great Numbers of *Pontoons* are getting together at *Spire*, which makes it believ'd that the *French* intend ſhortly to paſs the *Rhine*. They have poſſeſs'd themſelves of the Caſtle of *Kern*, in the County of *Spanheim*, and we have Advice that 8000 of their Troops are advanced within four Miles of *Rheinfehlts*.

Leghorn, April 13. We have Advice from *Naples*, that *Don Carles* made his Publick Entry into that City, amidſt the repeated Acclamations of the People. The *Spaniſh* Fleet rides at Anchor in that Bay; they found there upon their Arrival, the four Galleys of the Kingdom, and one of the Emperor's Men of War, which they immediately ſeiz'd. The Nephew of *Don Chiaſſeri*, one of the Chiefs in the late *Corſican* Rebellion, having receiv'd a Commiſſion from the King of *Spain* to raiſe two Regiments of *Corſicans*, the Republick of *Genoa* has conſented thereto.

Cremona, April 13. All is quiet in the *Mantuan*, both on the Part of the *Allies* and *Imperialiſts*.

Paris, April 21. In the Night between the 11th and 12th Inſtant, ſome Rogues broke into the Houſe of the Curate of *Montrevil*, and murder'd him and his Servant, they afterwards plunder'd the Houſe, taking away a Chalice, 1000 Crowns in Specie, and other Things of Value, which belong'd to the Church, and had only been depoſited with the Prieſt under Hopes of Security.

Conſtantinople, March 1. The Divan having rejected the Plan of Peace which *Thamas Kouli-Kan*, the *Perſian* General, had concerted with *Achmet* Baſhaw of *Babylon* in the Name of the *Turks*, great Preparations are making throughout the whole *Ottoman* Empire to renew the War, in order to oblige the *Perſians* to come to an Accommodation leſs diſhonourable to the Porte.

Mantua, April 7. On the 3d Inſtant 5000 *Imperialiſts* arriv'd in this Dutchy from the *Tirol*; and next Week are expected here, two Regiments more of Horſe, and three Battalions of Foot, together with a large Train of Artillery, Engineers, Gunners, *&c.* Upon the Arrival of theſe, the Army is to be properly diſpos'd for beginning the Operations of the Campaign.

Vienna, April 10. Prince *Eugene* has deferr'd for a Day or two his Departure towards the *Rhine*. The Prince of *Wirtemberg*, and ſeveral other General Officers, are ſtill here, but will be going thither very ſpeedily.

Extract of a Letter from General Munich *to the Empreſs of* Ruſſia, *dated at the Camp before* Dantzick *the 7th Inſt.* N. S.

I have the Honour to inform your Majeſty, that being unwilling to wait here for the coming up of the Caſtellan of *Czerko* with his Troops, I ſent out a Detachment of Dragoons, aſſiſted by ſome *Coſſacks*, in order to meet him; and I have this Moment received Advice from Lieut. General *Sagroſki*, who commanded the Detachment, that having the Fortune to ſurprize the Caſtellan in *Schwetz*, he, according to my Orders, gave him Battle, and intirely defeated him, taking all his Drums and Colours, and ſeveral Magazines of Proviſion, which will be of great Uſe to us. Major-General *Biron* purſu'd the Enemy till they were all diſpers'd, and out of any Poſſibility of rallying, ſo that we have nothing more to fear from that Quarter. As for the City of *Dantzick*, I keep it block'd up; and having cut off from it all Hopes of Succour, am in no Pain concerning any Attempts they can make to diſlodge me.

Franckfort, April 18. The Troops of the Circle of the *Upper-Rhine*, and thoſe of the Contingent of this City, will begin their March Tomorrow, in order to form a Camp near *Coſtheim*, a League diſtant from *Mentz*. The *Imperial* Army at *Wughauſel* conſiſts at preſent of about 24000. We hear the *Pruſſian* and *Hanoverian* Auxiliaries are on the Point of ſetting out to join the Emperor's Troops.

Cologn, April 20. The *French* have begun to bombard and Cannonade the Caſtle of *Trarbach*.

Hague, April 23. Our Advices from *Dantzick*, Camelion-like, are ſeen every Hour in a different Light. They take a Tinge from the Country they paſs thro': By the Way of *Germany* they come to us crimſon'd with the Blood of the poor *Poles*; but the *French* Poſt brings them fair and without a Stain. We believe each Party repreſents his Caſe as he would have it: But with Regard to the *French*, it muſt be own'd, their Actions ſuit well with the Account they give us of King *Staniſlaus*'s Security; the long Time they have de'ay'd ſending him Succour, the Dilatorineſs with which the Troops now embark, and the Uncertainty of any conſiderable Fleet's being ſoon ready to convoy them into the *Baltick*, are ſo many good Reaſons for believing the City of *Dantzick* in no Danger from the *Muſcowites*.

We learn from *Peterſburg*, that the Czarina takes the Delay of the King of *Pruſſia* to grant a Paſſage for her Artillery thro' his Country, as an abſolute Refuſal to let it paſs; on which Account a Coldneſs is riſing apace between the two Courts.

The *French* will make no Difference between the late Departure of King *Auguſtus* out of *Poland*, and the Flight of *Henry de Valois* from that Kingdom in 1574: We believe there is a great one. But 'tis certain, however, that the Reaſons which induc'd his Majeſty to ſo extraordinary a Step, are variouſly accounted for. Whether the *Poles* had given him Cauſe of Diſguſt, or whether he car'd not to be in Dependance on the *Ruſſians*, or whether the private Perſuaſions of a certain Power effected it, remains intirely a Secret. In the mean while ſome People pretend to give out, that the Courts of *Vienna* and *Peterſburg* are greatly diſobliig'd by it.

They write from *France*, that his moſt *Chriſtian* Majeſty is on the Point of declaring himſelf Duke of *Lorrain* and of *Barr*, having reſolv'd to re-unite thoſe Dutchies to his Monarchy; the former by a Title of Conqueſt, the latter by Confiſcation, which the Duke has incurr'd by not ſubmitting to the King's Letters of Summons, but remaining in the Service of an Enemy to his Sovereign.

Paris, April 23. The merry old dancing Marſhal *de Villars*, Commander in Chief of the *French* Forces in *Italy*, died at his Quarters at *Cremona* the 1ſt Inſtant.

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